APPENDIX A

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Of That Claim

37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (c) (1) (ii)


26.    (Amended) A conference system for large numbers of participants, comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of audio data streams from a corresponding plurality of conference participants;

means for selecting a subset of the plurality of audio data streams, wherein the selected subset of audio data streams includes streams of different data types; [and]

decoder modules for decoding different types of audio data;

means for routing the selected subset of the plurality of audio data streams to the decoder modules based on the data types of the streams; and

means for rendering the selected subset of audio data streams.


28.    (Amended) The conference system of claim [27] 26:

wherein the selected subset of audio data streams includes a first audio data stream and a second audio data stream; and

wherein the system further comprises:

means for determining whether one or more of the first and second audio data

streams is associated with an inactive conference participant; and

means, responsive to determination of the inactive conference participant, for

substituting a third audio data stream from a third conference participant, for at

least the one of the first and second audio data streams associated with the

inactive conference participant.

29.    (Amended) A conferencing method comprising:

receiving a plurality of audio data streams from a corresponding plurality of conference

participants;

*(e.g filtering 39, 40) 9/33-40*

selecting a subset of the plurality of audio data streams, wherein the selected subset of

*665 2/32-37, 5/25-34          or 6/5-20; channel/media type, selected subset in accord*

audio data streams includes streams of different data types; [and]   *different stream voiceclubtypes 7/56 - 8/1, 18-24*

*(24) 7/56 - 8/1                          665 7/66-8/1,18-24  (102)*

routing the selected subset of the plurality of audio data streams to decoder modules *8/66 -9/7*

*665 Fig 5, Steps 3-5, 10/21-47                      in audio comp (102) 18/31-45*

based on their data types; and  *are selected (filter) passing to relevant comprant within 26 according to type (e.g 14/35- 39*

*(displaying) 5/13-15                                                                   12/21-24*

(34) rendering the selected subset of audio data streams. *8/66-9/7*


32.    (Twice Amended) A conferencing method comprising:

receiving a plurality of data streams from a corresponding plurality of conference

participants;

selecting a subset of the plurality of data streams, wherein the selected subset of audio

data streams includes streams of different data types;

routing the selected subset of the plurality of audio data streams to decoder modules

based on their data types;

rendering the selected subset of data streams;

determining whether one or more of the first and second data streams is associated with

an inactive conference participant; and

substituting a third data stream from a third conference participant, for at least the one

of the first and second data streams determined to be associated with the inactive conference

participant.


33.    (Twice Amended) The method of claim 32, wherein the selected subset of [audio] data

streams includes a first audio data stream formatted according to a first protocol and a second

audio data stream formatted according to a second protocol.

34.    (Amended) The method of claim 32, wherein the selected subset of data streams includes a first video data stream formatted according to a first protocol and a second video data stream formatted according to a second protocol.